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SUBJECT: ENERGY: PLANNED CANADIAN OIL TALKS IN MIDDLE EAST

1. MONTREAL GAZETTE OF FEBRUARY 5 REPORTS THAT MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES DONALD S. MACDONALD IS PLANNING TO VISIT ARAB COUNTRIES AND IRAN FOR OIL TALKS PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF PARLIAMENT ON FEBRUARY 26.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ARTICLE, MACDONALD'S LIST OF POSSIBLE STOPOVERS INCLUDE SAUDI ARABIA, WHICH SUPPLIES 40 PERCENT OF OIL CANADA IMPORTS FROM ARAB STATES (APPROXIMATELY 225,000 B/D), AND IRAN, WHICH SUPPLIES 16 PERCENT OF TOTAL CANADIAN OIL IMPORTS OF APPROXIMATELY 900,999 B/D. IN IRAN, MACDONALD REPORTEDLY WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS CANADA'S COMMERCIAL SUCCESSFUL CANDU NUCLEAR REACTOR AS WELL AS OIL.

3. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY NOTING THAT CANADA "IS TRYING
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TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS WITH SAUDI ARABIA" AND ON

FEBRUARY 2 ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH BAHRAIN, OMAN, QATAR, AND UNION OF
ARAB EMIRATES.
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